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Laurel Brookside Dist.
Oct. 25th 1861

On Tuesday Oct. 22nd 1861 was posted the following notice by order of the President. To wit.

There will be an Election of the legal voters of of Brookside Dist. on Friday the 25th inst at the Recorders Office in Laurel between the hours of three & half past six o'clock P.M. for President of Brookside Dist. District to fill the present unexpired term of N.J. Bond at which time & place he will tender his resignation.

N.J. Bond
President

There will be a meeting of the Miners in front of the Recorders Office on Friday Evening at 7 o'clock P.M. to Confirm the present Deputy Recorder or to vacate the office.

N.J. Bond Pres.dt

Pursuant to the above notice the Citizens met at the hour & Pres.dent Bond tendered the following resignation. "The undersigned would most respectfully tender to you his resignation of the office of President and Judges of the Miners Court of your District. Ever thankful for the honors you have conferred upon me during my short residence among you And the confidence you have always placed in me. Allow me to congratulate you upon the advancement & prosperity of our District & may it continue to improve as rapidly and substantially in future as we have done in the last four & a half months during the greater part of which time it has been my pleasure to preside over you. Hoping that law & order, peace & a bounteous plenty of and all wise Providence will ever prevail among you I remain Your humble Servant

Napoleon J. Bonds

A motion was made & carried to accept of the resignation. P. T. Burgen offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously. "Resolved" "That we the citizens and miners of Buckskin Gold Mining District do hereby tender Judge M. J. Bond our hearty and cordial approval of the manner in which he presided & discharged the duties of President and Judge during the brief period over which he presided over said district."

The Election was then proceeded with by making P. T. Burgen & J. P. Myers Judges and Geo King Clerk of Election. The polls were closed at 6.30 P.M. when the following was declared to be the vote

C. M. Rouse 114 - C. M. Smith 80. N. A. Hawkins 66 J. V. Carpenter 41 - Whole no. of votes 301

C. M. Rouse was declared the President of this District to hold his office till the first Saturday in June 1862. C. M. President Bond administered the following oath.

You do solemnly swear that you will sustain and support the laws of this District and that you will faithfully preside without prejudice or partiality as President and Judge of this District. And that you will honestly and faithfully demean yourself as such while in office.

Pursuant to the above notice the meeting was called to order. President C. M. Rouse in the chair. The notice being read stating the object of the meeting. It was moved by R. S. Parks that Geo King be declared the Recorder of this District which motion receiving a majority of votes Geo King was declared the Recorder of this District for the present unexpired term.

On Motion meeting adjourned Sine Die

Geo King Sec'y

Sumner Buckskin Gor Distr.
Oct. 31st A.D. 1861

Pursuant to notice posted this day a meeting of the Miners was held at the Recorders Office at 2 o'clock P.M. C.L. Berger was elected Chairman The following Resolutions offered by C.H. Smith were read & unanimously adopted.

Resolved

That the 2nd Section of Article 1st of the Laws of Buckskin Gor. District be so amended as to provide for the Office of Vice President who shall preside in the absence of the President, as President and Ex-officio Judge of the Miners Court.

Resolved that the 2nd Section of Article 6th of the Laws of Buckskin Gor. District be so amended as to provide for an appeal from the decision of the Judge of the Court, to the verdict of a jury of six, to a jury of nine residents of the District whose decision shall be final.

Resolved

That an Election for Vice President be held at the Recorders office between the hours of Four & half past six o'clock P.M. to day by ballot.

In pursuance with the 3rd resolution the polls were opened at 4 o'clock P.M. and closed at half past 6 o'clock P.M. with the following result. C.H. Smith 109. Jas. Newland 29 votes. C.H. Smith was declared the Vice President of this District.

Geo Wing Recdr.

Nov. 1st 1861. C.H. Smith appeared & was sworn into office by the Recorder.

Geo Wing Recdr.

Col Smith Esq. Acting President
Buckskin Jon District

Sir

Seeing unable to attend to the duties of Sheriff of this District I hereby tender to you my resignation which I trust you will accept.

Buckskin Jon District
Col. Ter Dec. 11th A.D. 1861

Yrs truly
Milton Taylor

The above resignation is accepted by the acting President and J Leroy Sims appointed by him to fill the present unexpired term of the office of Sheriff of this District.

Dec. 11th A.D. 1861

Geo Ring Rec

Laurel Buckeye Lode District Oct 26th 1881

At a meting of Miners held at the house of E. J. Berger for the purpose of organizing upon a new Silver & gold Lode situated in Buckeye Lode District South Park. Thomas Cumming Esqr. was appointed President pro. tem and E. A. Sawkin Secretary.

The following resolution was offered & carried:—

Resolved that this Lode shall be known as the "Berger Lode" of which the Officers shall consist of a President, Secretary and Recorder.

On motion the meeting proceed to elect officers for the term of one year from the date of this meting. Thomas Cumming Esqr. was unanimously chosen President and E. J. Berger Secretary and Recorder.

On motion of E. J. Berger it was resolved that the Laws of Wisconsin Lode be adopted for the Berger Lode with suitable alterations

On motion the meeting adjourned until the 2nd Saturday in May A. D. 1881.

Thomas Cumming Pres't.

E. A. Sawkin Secry.

Laws of Berger Lode Association

Section 1st The Officers of this Company shall consist of a President, Secretary and Recorder.

Sec 2nd It shall be the duty of the President to Call & preside at all meetings of this Company. The Secretary shall Keep a minute of all proceeding & upon Call be prepaid to read the same.

Sec 3d It shall be the duty of the Recorder to Keep a Correct Record of all Claims upon "Berger Lode" for which he shall receive the fee of One dollar for ~~the~~ each Claim so Recorded.

Sec 4. Each Claimant upon this Lode shall hold for one Claim. One hundred feet (100) Square running North. North East & South. South West.

Sec. 5. The discoverer of this Lode shall be and is entitled to one discovery & one pre-emption Claim.

Sec. 6. Claimants on this Lode may hold one Claim by Pre-emption and two by purchase.

Sec 7. Claims upon this Lode shall be taken each way from the discovery by Numbers, and upon being properly recorded shall hold good for the term of One year from the 26th day of October 1860.

Sec 8. All Claims upon being Recorded shall hold good according to Section Seven (7) of these laws. And at the expiration of the above time upon being personally renewed shall hold good for one year more. Or a purchaser upon presenting proper Vouchers for the purchase of the same may own the Claim in place of the original owner.

Sec 9. All Claims not Recorded within five (5) days after entry upon the Books (or no Certificate called for within that time) Shall be forfeited.

Sec 10. These Laws shall not be repealed or altered except by a majority of Claim holders upon the Lode.

Approved by the Meeting Oct 26th 1860

Lewis Manning Pres.

J. J. Berger Secy.

Pursuant to adjournment the members of Berger Love Association present met at the house of L. L. Berger The house was called to Order by the President Thomas Cumming Esqr. There being no business before the meeting on motion adjourned sine die

L. L. Berger Secy

Sunset May 1861 Geo D Colby Dpt